

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is a Continuation of
Appln. No. 09/836,388

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the present title with the following rewritten title:

INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/836,388 filed April 18, 2001; the disclosure
of which is incorporated herein by reference.